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MEMARADAM FOR: Birector of Central Intelligence

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: Duty Status of Personnel Assigned to Project OXCAPS

1. This memorandus contains in Faragraph 7 a recommendation for the approval of the Mirector of Central Intelligence.



3. Development Projects Division feels strongly that an exten-

sive tour (at least two to three years) is necessary to maintain the high degree of experience, efficiency, continuity and security this sensitive progress requires but present conditions are not conducive. Personnel sust remain completely separated from families or live in at high cost, seeing featlies only on week ends or even 25X1A6a less if operational considerations so dictate. Government quarters are not furnished nor are they available. The various connercial companies providing technical representatives for the program have recognized the problem and have declared an average \$12 per dies and 15% differential for their employees while at the base.

4. In view of the facts, DFD proposes that the travel orders of all Agency personnel and military detailess be written so as to anaign them with provision to make as many trips as necessary between these points as deemed in the interest of the Covernment. As a practical matter, it is proposed that an administrative determination be made to pay per dies and travel costs in accordance with Agency and Joint Travel Regulations with approprints deductions being made for quarters and meals furnished as applicable. By so doing, we will eliminate the financial hardship imposed by the assignment and provide a morale boost that will go a long way towards ameliorating the situation created by the base's

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- 5. A detailed breakdown of this administrative plan is attached as Armex 2. Armex A is a staff study pointing up the financial hardship connected with assignment to Project CXCART.
- 6. The OXCART Budget has sufficient funds previously approved for housing contingency to defray the costs.

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7. It is accordingly recommended that the Director of Central Intelligence approve the establishment of as the POS point of field essignment for all Agency staff and contract personnel, and military detailees assigned to Project CHCART and further, authorize the payment of per dies and travel conts during the periods that the individuals are required to be present at Said approval is to become effective 1 September 1961.

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Colonel, USAT Acting Chief, DPD

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Deputy Director (Support)

2 August 1961 Date

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Concur but see note below /s/ LANGENCE R. HOUSTON Cenoral Counsel

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Recommendation in Para 7 APPROVED:

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Tor Director of Central Intelligence

5 August 1961

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Attachments: Annex A Armen B

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**I advised DPD that legislation increasing per diem from \$12 to \$16 is now awaiting signature by the President. DPD indicated they would propose to pay the new rate of \$16 which would increase benefits to the civilians approximately #23 per month which would place them at a level between the benefits scheduled for enlisted personnel and those for officer personnel

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